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Mr. Stephen Gardner  
County of Loudoun  
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175

RE: ZMAP 2006-0011 & ZCPA 2006-0003/Stone Ridge Commercial (Amended Application)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

School Board staff has reviewed the revised zoning map and zoning concept plan amendment application for Stone Ridge Commercial. As no additional residential units are proposed with the revised application, staff is not providing a project assessment outlining the impact of the project on Loudoun County Public Schools. Staff will note that the Stone Ridge developer has provided land for Mercer Middle School (opened Fall 2004) and the new Arcola Elementary School (opened Fall 2007).

Safe walking paths remain an important concern for the School Board, staff, and parents of the children who attend our schools. The lack of safe walking paths for students within subdivisions creates a growing safety hazard and will increase operational costs. In rural areas of Loudoun, each house becomes a bus stop. Similar circumstances are emerging in the county's new subdivisions. Students that live within a school's walk zone must be transported to school because there are either no sidewalks or sidewalks are only constructed on one side of the street. Should new subdivisions provide sidewalks on both sides of the street, children could safely walk to a bus stop or school. Sidewalks not only increase operational efficiency but ultimately mean less time on the school bus for Loudoun's children. In order to ensure that students residing within Stone Ridge can safely walk to and from school and/or school bus stop locations, pedestrian walkways should be provided and allow for public access easements.

Should you require any further information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Sam Adamo, Director

c: Edgar B. Hatrick, Division Superintendent  
Loudoun County School Board  
(Site Location: Dulles Election District)